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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1652
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q63731

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Examiner: David J. Steadman

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For: NOVEL ENZYME COMPOSITION AND PRODUCTION METHOD AND USE
THEREOF

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2003. The examiner set a three month period for the response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a one-month extension of time, making the due date for response May 10, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: